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1. The Soviets are making extensive use of the German element for work in all fields. The utmost exploitation is being made of these Germans, or rather, of their knowledge. German specialists are working in the military staffs of the Red Army as instructors. Many have taken Soviet citizenship. A great number of Germans are employed in the administration and in the different branches of industry, mainly, however, in war industry.

2. In the Caucasus a purge with deportations is taking place. Nationalist activity is very strong. Terror and elimination are being used on a wide scale. About a hundred persons have been arrested from the defense Commissariat and from Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. About 50 have been shot. Autumn sowing was meager, especially in the Ukraine, Poltava and Dnieropetrovsk provinces. Industrial and reconstruction achievements in the Ukraine have not attained even 20% of published figures and official communiques. Everywhere there is a marked lack of specialists and professionals. This is especially true in the textile industry, jute, and flax, leather and glass works (Ural, Sverdlow province). This scarcity is being overcome, when possible, by the use of Germans. There is also a great scarcity of professionals for economic planning. Germans are also found in this field.

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